Jan 23, 1919.

Thursday: ——

Dearest Lore: ——

Accept my heartiest gratulations and my best wishes, that the office you are now opening will soon enlarger and that this is the beginning of a successful and happy career. Lore, dear, I can hardly express in writing what I wish for you. It will all come to you, I know, because, dear, you deserve it. In a short time, honey, I expect to hear your name all over Memphis. Success, happiness and health is what I wish for you, now - and all the time. I am happy, very happy that you went in for yourself. As you know, that is how I always wanted you to start — perhaps it will be a better hustle in the beginning but in the long run I think you will find

it the wisest thing. You too, must feel happy now that things are settled. It will certainly be a case of starting small and working up. But we know precious if you need some more money.

Barney, too, is settled. He bought all his furniture for the waiting room in an auction for $80. A wonderful bargain, they tell me - the furniture being of mahogany. I am glad that he can, now, at least, make a start.

That is certainly wonderful of both your uncle & Mr. Solomon. Needless to say how we appreciate it and I am sure an opportunity will come by which he can prove how grateful we are to them. Give them my kindest regards and tell them, although I do not know them, I thank them very much for the help they have given you. I hope to meet them soon and have it one large happy family.

I enclosing I felt terribly blue & worried since I did not hear from you the day & the day. Now I feel better. Monday, Aug. 8th.

As to Mrs. Lagaan – She must be wonderful. I know I will like her, and hope that she will feel the same towards me. Give her my kindest regards, too, and tell her I, too, hope to see her very, very shortly. It would be splendid if we could arrange to be near them, it would make it so less lonesome for me, but I am afraid dear, that we couldn't just now afford to have a home near theirs. He has been successful and making money for quite a few years – but, you can see that it, honey, when the time comes. See what you can do. – I am only anxious to have you do business enough to have me come down. Give Mr. & Mrs. Lagaan my best regards. How is their little girl? Since you make no mention, I take it that you have not visited the Gold yet?

You sure will become a mason. If you care too join now. I will raise the money. LET me know. Have you become a member of Auld Lodges? How much money have you, honey?

I am stopping down at the hospital almost all the time now. I really have a beautiful room & on the whole I like it pretty well. I am not as lonesome as I thought I would be. I have your picture on the desk in front of me and spending the evening sewing and dreaming of you and the home I hope to have some day. Everything has filtered down as far as the housekeeper etc is concerned. And now for a good piece of news —— I am going to get that increase of 8.33 per month, which will bring my salary up to $71.83. My expenses will be very little and I will be able to straighten out those debts which are constantly worrying me. After that I will be able to save towards my clothes and other expenses for the trip South. I do not get into any crush of spring & coming and that means a whole lot. In fact, now that you are not home, I am quite contented and happy where I am. Everything is clean & good nothing to worry about and all conveniences. If I cared for, I could go out with the women here but I prefer to be alone. As things are now, I intend to see my mother on Tuesday to sleep at the house. As I am quite comfortable I think I can take care of your interests & have your folks here to my place. I will let you know how I get on.